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Letter dated 9 December 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the "Special communiqué on the question of the Malvinas Islands" adopted on 4 December 2010 at the twentieth Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, held in Mar del Plata, Argentina (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 45 on the question of the Malvinas Islands.

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Annex to the letter dated 9 December 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

"Special communiqué on the question of the Malvinas Islands

The Heads of State and Government of the Ibero-American countries, meeting in Mar del Plata, Argentine Republic, on the occasion of the twentieth Ibero-American Summit:

Reaffirm the need for the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to resume negotiations as soon as possible, with a view to finding an early solution to the sovereignty dispute over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, within the framework of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations and the Organization of American States and the provisions and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations, including the principle of territorial integrity. They also underscore the continual readiness to engage in dialogue demonstrated by the Argentine Republic.

In reference to the unilateral actions being taken by the United Kingdom for the exploration and exploitation of renewable and non-renewable resources in the disputed area, they recall that the international community, under United Nations General Assembly resolution 31/49, has called upon the two parties to refrain from taking decisions that would imply introducing unilateral modifications in the situation of the Malvinas Islands, as such decisions are in no way conducive to the attainment of a definitive solution to the territorial dispute.

They consider that the conduct of military exercises by the Government of the United Kingdom, including the firing of missiles from the territory of the Malvinas Islands, violates the aforementioned resolution 31/49, obstructs the full implementation of the maritime safety standards of the International Maritime Organization and runs counter to the policy of consistently seeking a peaceful settlement of the territorial dispute between the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland."